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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2008 totaled 235,000 head, 6 percent below the March 1, 2007 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory was unchanged from the number on feed February 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 39,000 head, unchanged from February 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 38,000 head, down 5,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during February, unchanged from February 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.66 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 533,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 percent below 2006.



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